

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE FORTY-EIGHTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
HELD THURSDAY, 8 MAY 1986, AT 7:30 P.M.  
IN ROOM H-769, HALL BUILDING, SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS CAMPUS

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING:

BD-48-D1: Coopers and Lybrand Response to New Auditors Being Chosen  
BD-48-D2: Hiring Committee Report  
BD-48-D3: Supplemental Hiring Committee Report

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Acting Chairperson Scott White called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

PRESENT:

Co-Presidents:

Karen Takacs  
Scott White

Commerce:

Scott Bergen  
Tony Ghannam  
Bernard Villemaire (7:40)

Engineering:

Dan Artola (7:50)  
Doug Hardy (7:40)  
Jon Jolivet

Arts and Science:

Maria Calderone (7:40)  
Glen Cheverie (7:40)  
Jim Locke  
Amanda Masterman  
Linda Piovesan  
Bettina Rosenberg  
Emma Tibaldo  
Brian Zelnicker

Fine Arts:

Ian Fleet  
Francois Gurik (8:15)  
Keren Penney

ABSENT:

Arts and Science: Maggie Arbour, Joe Fortune, Mike Foster (W/R), Julie Smith, Scott Townsend  
Commerce: Karen Ashton  
Engineering: James Crone  
Fine Arts: Elizabeth Isaac

Advisor to the Board Present: Frank Benson, Chairperson, Judicial Board.

2. Approval of Agenda:

Acting Chairperson Scott White announced that the Chairperson would be elected as Item 3.5 even though this is part of Item 6(b) Hiring Committee Report.

The Agenda was approved with this amendment.

### 3. Approval of Minutes:

In the Minutes of the 45th Meeting of the Board, Ian Fleet stated that he had voted for Motion 286 (Page 9). These Minutes were approved with this correction.

The Minutes of the 46th and 47th Meetings of the Board and the Fourth Annual General Meeting were approved as written.

### 3.5 Election of Chairperson:

Acting Chairperson Scott White announced that the Hiring Committee had recommended the appointment of John Moore as Chairperson, and had invited the other candidates for this position to present themselves to the Board this evening if they so wished. He reported that all the other candidates had withdrawn.

#### MOTION 297:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT John Moore be elected as Chairperson of the Board of Directors.

Moved by: Scott White  
Seconded by: Karen Takacs

#### Discussion:

Karen Takacs stated that this candidate had been brought forward to the Board following the interviews of all candidates for the position. These interviews were conducted at length, which the Board would have been unable to do during the meeting.

John Moore introduced himself and accepted questions from the Board. Maria Calderone asked if he would chair lengthy meetings. He responded that meetings should not be longer than two hours, which is sufficient time to handle all business. Jim Locke asked if he would follow prepared agendas or whether he would add items at will, and John Moore answered that he would stick to the agendas. Frank Benson stated that this was not the first time John Moore had shown interest in this position. John Moore responded that he had run for the Chair last time the position became available. Jon Jolivet commented that at that time, John Moore appeared to be involved in too many activities. John Moore assured him that he is rearranging his schedule so that he will be able to devote the time to being Chairperson.

#### VOTE ON MOTION 297:

UNANIMOUS

John Moore assumed the role of Chairperson.

### 4. Chairperson's Remarks:

John Moore stated that he looks forward to working with the Board, and advised the Board that tolerance and understanding on everyone's part would be helpful in obtaining the Board's goals.

5. Question Period:

Jon Jolivet asked Scott White when the photocopier bill would be paid and when the service would be started up again, and Scott White responded that it would be paid as soon as it became a priority. Jon Jolivet asked if the photocopier service was worthwhile, and if so shouldn't it be a priority. Scott White answered that it was a worthwhile service.

6. Reports:

a) Co-Presidents' Report:

Scott White distributed a letter (BD-48-D1) for the Board's information received from former auditors Coopers and Lybrand when the new auditors were chosen. Frank Benson asked if any follow-up was done with George Bernier to substantiate the allegations made in the letter. Karen Takacs responded that George Bernier had seen the letter and stated that his submissions to the auditors were done on time.

Regarding Dr. Kwok Chan, Scott White reported that a copy of Motion 296 had been sent to the Rector, and that he had met with the Rector and with Dr. Chan. Scott White stated that the Grievance Committee had met last Monday and ended in a tie decision so that, according to the collective agreement, Dr. Chan's fate is in the hands of the Rector, and that the Rector has not made his decision yet. He further reported that Dr. Chan had given him a copy of a letter written by Dean Bertrand (Arts and Science) to the Chairperson of the Grievance Committee stating that student evaluations were not an appropriate tool. Keren Penney applauded Scott White's efforts in this case and wondered if it would be possible to get copies of these letters (the Dean's letter and the response). Scott White stated that he would provide copies for the Board. Tony Ghannamy asked if there is an appeal process open to Dr. Chan after the Rector makes his decision. Scott White replied that binding arbitration (outside the university) would be available, but that CUFA would have to decide if they wanted to pick up the bill.

(8:00)

Concerning the Orientation and Priorities Conference (OPC), Scott White announced that the Co-Presidents were looking for volunteers to organize the OPC this year. He reported that Concordia's country house at Lacolle was unavailable this year but that CUSA was on the waiting list. The purpose of this weekend seminar is to discuss CUSA's priorities and how CUSA fits into the university set-up, as well as to do some group-building among the members of the Board and the executives. The following directors volunteered to help with the organization: Bernard Villemaire, Bettina Rosenberg and Jon Jolivet.

Scott White felt that there was still some confusion about the relationship between CUSA, Cusacorp, Campus Centre and the University, and wanted to set the record straight. He explained that CUSA owns a company called Cusacorp which manages the Campus Centre. Further, there is a Memorandum of Agreement (1973) between the University and CUSA which obligates CUSA to pay for the operations of the Campus Centre whether or not Cusacorp exists.

Scott White reported that the printshop (Cusaprint) will be moving in about two weeks to the AR annex downtown from the Centennial Building at Loyola. CUSA is stalling the University on the move because more clarification is required on what the University will provide for the cost quoted.

Karen Takacs stated that Karen Herland would be presenting a report later in the meeting about the Status of Women Committee. Elizabeth Morey, Advisor to the Rector on the Status of Women, had requested that Karen Herland's position be extended through the summer, and the decision was taken to do so. CUSA has also contributed to two conferences being organized by the Status of Women Committee: one on sensitization to sexual harrassment, which Karen Takacs will be attending, and one on financial aid for single parents at university. Karen Takacs further reported that the Women's Collective and the Simone de Beauvoir Institute are making a co-operative effort to develop a Women's Resource Centre which might operate out of the AR annex. (The space is available there but the landlord does not want a student group to use this space, formerly used by the Concordian.)

Karen Takacs informed the Board that she will be attending the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) week-long conference in London, Ontario next week. She will give a full report to the Board.

(8:15)

Scott White reported that he had met with Doug Devenne, Director of Ancillary Services, and chances are that he will be one of the University representatives on the Campus Centre's Board of Supervisors (ratified by the Board at the end of its mandate last year). This may or may not replace the Memorandum of Agreement mentioned earlier, but it may provide a means of extricating CUSA from this "Memorandum of Agreement".

Scott White reported that he had met with the President of CUFA (faculty association), Dr. Alvi (Economics). There was a meeting with CUFA, CUNASA (non-academic staff association), GSA, and CUSA, which provided all the groups with the opportunity to discuss the university administration. There is general resentment on all parts to the administration. This was the first meeting, and there is a move to have more meetings.

Karen Takacs reported that the Rector had called the Co-Presidents together with their executives to a meeting to discuss the "academic excellence fee" which will be called the "academic services fee", and will be a charge to students of \$5.00 per credit. This fee will be approved at the Board of Governors meeting on May 15th; however, the Rector will make available only after the Senate meeting tomorrow documents about this proposed fee. There will be more discussion later on this topic (Item 8d).

Chairperson John Moore requested that Item 8(a) be combined with 6(c) Status of Women Report, and that this be given immediately as 6(b), and that the Hiring Committee Report be assigned 6(c). There were no objections to this amendment.

b) Status of Women Report:

Chairperson John Moore gave the floor to Karen Herland, Assistant Researcher for the Rector's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women. She

reported that since her appointment took effect last fall, she has been doing all the research for the committee and its working groups. Five working groups were struck last month: professional development, sexual harrassment, employment equity, part-time employment, and curriculum. Additionally, she does specific research for the two upcoming conferences (sensitization to sexual harrassment, and financial aid for single parents at university), and a film series and lecture series. She also writes a regular column in the Thursday Report, and she acts as a resource information person. She will be working on the women's section of the student handbook, in particular the resources available. Plans are underway for the Status of Women Committee to prepare a guidebook with a women's perspective, for example professors to go to who may be hidden within other departments. The Committee will also be reviewing the sexual harrassment procedures which were established in 1981 but have not been used. Karen Herland stated that Elizabeth Morey, Advisor to the Rector on the Status of Women, is preparing a report at this point in time for the Rector. Karen Herland will excerpt what is appropriate from this report and distribute it to the CUSA Board.

(8:30)

Karen Takacs asked about the relationship with the Status of Women Committee and the Ombudsman regarding the sexual harrassment procedure, and why it has not been used. Karen Herland stated that the Committee is working to sensitize the Ombudsman's office. Keren Penney asked for a clarification. Karen Herland explained that the Ombudman's office can only do so much--that the solutions her office provides are avoiding the issue and not dealing with the harraser (the solution usually given is having the student change courses to get away from the harrasser). Frank Benson asked if the Status of Women Committee was an ad hoc committee. Karen Herland responded that it has been given a two-year mandate after which it will be reviewed. Scott White stated that he has a copy of the report available at both CUSA offices if anyone is interested in reading it. Karen Herland added that the Committee is working on course evaluations, specifically with the questions concerning women and minorities. She also added that if anyone wishes to become involved with the Committee, they would be very welcome and should phone her (4861) or Elizabeth Morey (4841).

(8:45)

Chairperson John Moore had to leave the meeting because of a prior committment. Scott White took over as Acting Chairperson.

c) Hiring Committee Report:

Acting Chairperson Scott White distributed the Hiring Committee Report and the Supplemental Report of the Hiring Committee (BD-48-D2 and BD-48-D3). The Hiring Committee consisted of Scott White, Karen Takacs, Emma Tibaldo, Jim Locke and Maria Calderone. Everyone who applied for a position was interviewed. Karen Takacs explained that the interviews were conducted at length with the candidates, and that those persons recommended in the report were the best candidates in the opinion of the Hiring Committee. Candidates who were not recommended were invited to present themselves to the Board for consideraton at this meeting. None of the these other candidates came forward.

MOTION 298:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Carla Gruodis be appointed Handbook Editor  
for 1986-87.

Moved by: Jim Locke  
Seconded by: Tony Ghanamy

Discussion:

Acting Chairperson Scott White gave the floor to Carla Gruodis to introduce herself to the Board. She stated that she had submitted a proposal on how she would do the handbook with her application. She felt qualified for the position because of her experience on the handbook last summer. She said her proposal included \$20,000 in advertising revenue as compared to last year's revenue of \$16,000, but that it would be up to CUSA to decide how many pages of advertising there should be (she estimated 70 pages of advertising). Tony Ghanamy asked Carla Gruodis from where she drew her figures, and she explained that it was an estimated budget. Emma Tibaldo asked what format the handbook would take this year. Carla Gruodis displayed a copy of McGill's handbook which had been copied from McMaster, and stated that she would like to do something similar--a smaller-size format (8-1/2" x 6") with agenda pages, phone number pages, approximately 160 pages in all. Bettina Rosenberg asked how much say does the Board have in this because it seems as though a lot of the preliminary work has begun. Karen Takacs explained that if Carla Gruodis is not appointed, it simply means that she has done some work for whoever is appointed. Karen Takacs further explained that it is vital to begin the handbook as soon as possible because it is such an involved and time-consuming job. Dan Artola wanted to know how many copies would be printed, and when and how distribution would take place. Carla Gruodis explained that the 18,000 copies printed last year have all gone so she envisions printing 20,000 copies which will be distributed in boxes (as was done last year) starting by mid-August. Peter Wheeland commented that in his opinion the advertising revenue figure was unrealistic because of the smaller size pages. He explained that last year the charge for a full-page ad was \$500, but this year because of its half-size format, the charge could probably be about \$300 only. Francois Gurik asked if she planned to use students, and Carla Gruodis responded that she hoped especially to use the Graphic Design students to do the cover. Tony Ghanamy asked if she was going to have a committee, and Carla Gruodis stated that it will not be a committee but that she would like to have as many people as possible working on it. She added that she had already lined up George Kalogerakis, former editor of the Concordian, to be the production manager.

(9:00)

Scott Bergen asked if the estimate for printing costs was realistic because last year's estimate and final figure were not close. Carla Gruodis explained that last year, on three occasions the printing deadlines were not met which added extra costs on to the original estimate. Emma Tibaldo asked what she intended to cut back on because of the smaller size and increased advertising, and Carla Gruodis explained that nothing would be left out in terms of content but that the writing styles had to be tighter (i.e. not "features"-style of writing). Jon Jolivet asked if there would be any "irresponsible" printing as was evidenced in last year's drug section. Carla Gruodis stated that in this regard all the information would be health-oriented, practical information. Jim Locke asked if any

production deadlines had been set yet, and Carla Gruodis explained that she had set all the deadlines with George Kalogerakis. Jim Locke requested that Carla Gruodis present status reports to the Board. Emma Tibaldo recommended that the date of hiring the handbook editor be moved up earlier in the year.

VOTE ON MOTION 298:

15/0/2 Carried

Without trying to rush the Board, Karen Takacs requested that the Directors make their questions pertinent to the candidate's ability to do the job.

MOTION 299:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Cherine Hamam be appointed as  
Programming Vice-President for 1986-87.

Moved by: Glen Cheverie

Seconded by: Tony Ghannamy

Discussion:

Acting Chairperson Scott White gave the floor the Cherine Hamam to introduce herself. She stated that she has been actively involved with CUSA since January when she worked with Lorne Woods, former Programming V.P., on the Student Services Information Program. She was also very active in the most recent budget cutbacks campaign. Tony Ghannamy asked if she will be choosing the members of her planned programming committee, and Cherine Hamam responded that she would be, however, if the Co-Presidents wished to have a say, they could. She explained that the method for choosing members had not been established yet, but perhaps it would be done through interviews. Tony Ghannamy asked what the mandate of the committee would be, and Cherine Hamam answered that she would delegate tasks.

VOTE ON MOTION 299:

UNANIMOUS

(9:15)

MOTION 300:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Susan Hunt be appointed as  
Student Life Vice-President for 1986-87.

Moved by: Keren Penney

Seconded by: Maria Calderone

Discussion:

Acting Chairperson explained that the position of Student Life V.P. was a new one this year, and the main responsibility of the position will be co-ordinating the student vote on the Concordia Council on Student Life (CCSL). He gave the floor to Susan Hunt to introduce herself and to give more details about the CCSL. Tony Ghannamy asked if this position would overlap with the Services V.P. position, and Scott White explained that it would not.

VOTE ON MOTION 300:

14/0/3 Carried

(9:30)

MOTON 301:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Brent Jones be appointed as  
Services Vice-President for 1986-87.

Moved by: Tony Ghannamy  
Seconded by: Jim Locke

Discussion:

Acting Chairperson Scott White gave the floor to Brent Jones to introduce himself. Brent Jones stated that he looks forward to this position, and felt that having worked as a residence assistant this will broaden his horizons. His plans include establishing a year-round used bookstore, as well as working on the move to the Campus Centre. He added that he did not think that CUSA offered enough services and planned to look at other universities to see what else CUSA could offer. Tony Ghannamy asked if there was a need for a year-round used bookstore, and Brent Jones stated that there is a demand for it for textbooks and other books as well. Jon Jolivet asked if he would set up a photocopy shop for students, and Brent Jones responded that the idea was very good but that the feasibility had to be looked at. Dan Artola asked where the bookstore would be located, and Brent Jones stated that it had to be worked out still. Scott White clarified the duties of this position, stating that it had changed from last year and that it now includes the Physical Resources portfolio.

VOTE ON MOTION 301:

16/0/1 Carried

MOTION 302:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Gracie MacDonald be appointed as  
Communications Vice-President for 1986-87.

Moved by: Tony Ghannamy  
Seconded by: Jim Locke

Discussion:

Acting Chairperson Scott White gave the floor to Gracie MacDonald. She stated that in her opinion there was a lack of communication between the Board and the executives, and between the executives themselves, and that she hoped to take measures to correct this situation in the form of reports, weekly meetings, and newsletters. Jon Jolivet asked if the media (i.e. CRSG, CUTV, the papers, etc.) was included in her mandate. The Co-Presidents responded that the media is not included. Glen Cheverie asked if she would be able to fill outgoing Communication V.P. Peter Wheeland's shoes, and Gracie MacDonald stated that she wore a different shoe size. Scott Bergen asked if she had a working knowledge of French, which she demonstrated. Peter Wheeland asked her if she had a working knowledge of computers, necessary for preparing "CUSA Today". Gracie MacDonald stated that she is familiar with computers, and that she likes the format of "CUSA Today" although she would appreciate input from others.

VOTE ON MOTION 302:

14/0/3 Carried



MOTION 303:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Craig McNamee be appointed as  
Finance Vice-President for 1986-87.

Moved by: Jim Locke  
Seconded by: Bernard Villemaire

Discussion:

Acting Chairperson Scott White gave the floor to Craig McNamee. Craig McNamee said that he is a part-time student working on a degree in history and marketing. He stated that he enjoys this type of position, is experienced with finances, and wants to work with CUSA. Tony Ghannamy asked him to elaborate on his experience. Craig McNamee stated that he was president of a students' association in British Columbia and is experienced in running conferences at national and provincial levels. Tony Ghannamy asked if he had a working knowledge of budgets. Craig McNamee explained that he had been involved in treasuries at two places and has hands-on experience. Dan Artola asked how much time he has to devote to this position. Craig McNamee expected to put in about 70-80 hours per week during the summer, and because he is taking three courses only in the school year, about 20-30 hours per week at that time. Peter Wheeland recognized that he had been involved in budget management but asked if he had been specifically involved in budget allocation. Craig McNamee answered that he had served on a committee at UBC similar to Fincom. Peter Wheeland asked about his involvement with the Games Club, and Craig McNamee assured the Board that he would not let it interfere. Scott Bergen asked how long he would be a student in view of the fact that he was taking only three courses. Craig McNamee answered that he would be around for the entire year. Tony Ghannamy asked what motivated him for the job. Craig McNamee responded that he has the time, he likes the work and he feels that it does it well, and that the position pays for the summer. Tony Ghannamy asked what his stand was on Cusacorp, and he responded that he had not had enough time to fully understand the situation. Dan Artola asked if he was aware of the situation between the Engineers and CUSA. Craig McNamee responded that he was aware of it and felt that the situation would have to be looked at and a price put on the services provided.

VOTE ON MOTION 303:

14/0/3 Carried

(9:45)

MOTION 304:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Scott Robertson be appointed as  
Education Vice-President for 1986-87.

Moved by: Jim Locke  
Seconded by: Tony Ghannamy

Discussion:

Acting Chairperson Scott White gave the floor to Scott Robertson. Scott Robertson stated that he ran for Co-President this year, and he was the president of the Economics Students' Association. He admitted that he was not fully aware of what the Education portfolio consists of, but assured the Board that once he makes a commitment, he sticks with it. Tony

Ghannamy asked him if there would be any conflicts with the Co-Presidents because he ran against them. Scott Robertson explained that they saw the same way on the education issues. Jon Jolivet asked him how much time he would have for this position. Scott Robertson responded that he was prepared to do whatever has to be done. Scott Bergen asked if he had a working knowledge of French, and Scott Robertson answered that he can get by in French. Keren Penney asked what his strategy would be on the question of course evaluations. Scott Robertson responded that the Economics Students' Association had begun publishing the findings from their evaluations, and that they have received the support of Dr. Alvi, President of CUFA (faculty association) to do so. He further stated that there will be a government commission set up to monitor course evaluations. Francois Desrosiers asked how he will work with the Senate, and Scott Robertson stated that he will have student caucus meetings and he will bring issues raised at Senate to the Board. Ian Fleet asked what his plans would be over the summer. Scott Robertson explained that the Education V.P. position had no real duties to perform over the summer but that he would take this time to become familiar with all aspects of the position.

VOTE ON MOTION 304:

UNANIMOUS

(10:00)

MOTION 305:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Marc Sicard be appointed as  
External Vice-President for 1986-87.

Moved by: Keren Penney  
Seconded by: Tony Ghannamy

Discussion:

Acting Chairperson Scott White gave the floor to Marc Sicard. Marc Sicard stated that he is a second-year Political Science student and that he has the ability to talk to people and to reach them, and that he would be able to bring information to the Board. Tony Ghannamy asked if he was aware of issues coming up such as the potential withdrawal from ANEQ. Marc Sicard explained that former External V.P. Francois Desrosiers had filled him in on all the issues. Francois Desrosiers stated that from among the candidates he had spoken with for this position, Marc Sicard was the best choice.

VOTE ON MOTION 305:

15/0/2 Carried

Regarding the Supplemental Hiring Committee Report (BD-48-D3) on the Board of Governors appointments, Karen Takacs explained that only she, Scott White and Jim Locke had interviewed the candidates, not the full hiring committee. The Board of Governors requires the nominations to be submitted by May 15th, and as such decisions were made with the time constraints in mind. There were seven applications plus Karen Takacs and Scott White, for the four positions on the Board of Governors. The Rector requested that Karen Takacs and Scott White be two of the four nominees. Glen Cheverie commented that having the Co-Presidents on the Board of Governors would be beneficial because they could report on the issues at the CUSA Board meetings. Karen Takacs stated that one of the nominees, Sandra Cappelli, has been on the Board of Governors this year and would provide continuity.

Keren Penney added that she had seen Sandra Cappelli at the Board of Governors and was impressed with her good work. Peter Wheeland stated that all four nominees are Arts and Science students, and even though all the nominees are good choices, he wondered if any consideration had been given to faculty division. Karen Takacs commented that in their roles as Co-Presidents, she and Scott White represent all students, and added that nominating by faculty would not necessarily guarantee faculty representation. Scott White added that faculty division is applied to Senate but that it does not apply to the Board of Governors because the issues the Board of Governors deals with are not specifically academic.

(10:15)

Peter Wheeland asked if CUSA's credibility and image would be affected by nominating four Arts and Science students. Karen Takacs stated that the students hold four seats out of thirty-five, and so it is not very representative. Scott White added that historically the four students were made up of one part-time and one full-time student from each campus, and that it had nothing to do with faculty division. Ian Fleet felt that the Board was "rubber-stamping" and requested that the Board hold off nominating anyone until such nominees are presented to the Board. Scott White explained that although this is not an ideal situation, we will lose a month of representation on the Board of Governors if the names are not ratified tonight. Karen Takacs supported Scott White and advised the Board that important issues were being dealt with by the Board of Governors, in particular the "academic services fee", and that full representation of students was very necessary. Scott White advised the Board that the names put forward this evening are nominees to the Board of Governors, and that the Board of Governors will go through its own appointment procedure.

MOTION 306:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Sandra Cappelli be nominated to the  
Board of Governors for 1986-87.

Moved by: Jim Locke  
Seconded by: Tony Ghannamy

VOTE ON MOTION 306:

13/0/3 Carried

MOTION 307:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Faye Collins be nominated to the  
Board of Governors for 1986-87.

Moved by: Jim Locke  
Seconded by: Bettina Rosenberg

VOTE ON MOTION 307:

13/0/3 Carried

MOTION 308:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Karen Takacs be nominated to the  
Board of Governors for 1986-87.

Moved by: Jim Locke  
Seconded by: Tony Ghannamy

VOTE ON MOTION 308: 13/0/2 Carried

MOTION 309:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Scott White be nominated to the  
Board of Governors for 1986-87.

Moved by: Jim Locke  
Seconded by: Bettina Rosenberg

VOTE ON MOTION 309: 13/0/2 Carried

(10:30)

7. Unfinished Business:

a) Amendments to the ANEQ By-Laws and Standing Orders

Acting Chairperson Scott White announced that the amendments would not be voted on at this meeting, however, former External V.P. Francois Desrosiers and former Communications V.P. Peter Wheeland wished to propose a motion to the Board concerning the ANEQ Congress of May 9th to 11th. Referring to the proposed amendments, Francois Desrosiers informed the Board that ever since CUSA became a member of ANEQ in 1983, the External V.P.'s every year have been dissatisfied. These amendments will help ANEQ improve its organization in terms of finances, structure and democracy. However, it has taken ANEQ a year to address CUSA's concerns. Peter Wheeland added that, in conjunction with the referendum adopted at the general elections which allows the Board to decide on behalf of the student body whether or not to withdraw from ANEQ, if these reforms are not adopted, CUSA will be recommended to withdraw but if the reforms are adopted, ANEQ will better serve CUSA. These reforms will be discussed at a later date.

MOTION 310:

WHEREAS ANEQ has a standing policy on sending Congress documents  
15 days prior to the Congress and has failed to do so, and

WHEREAS ANEQ has a standing policy on sending minutes of prior  
Congress four weeks after the end of the said Congress and  
has failed to do so,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT CUSA boycotts the ANEQ Congress of May 9th-  
10th-11th to express its discontent over the constitutional  
failures that occurred this time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT CUSA sends a telegram to the ANEQ Congress in Sherbrooke containing the "Whereas's" and the first motion, and signed "Board of Directors of CUSA".

Moved by: Jim Locke  
Seconded by: Karen Takacs

Discussion:

Peter Wheeland stated that the purpose of this motion is to force ANEQ to respect its constitution because there is no means of protesting that ANEQ is not following its own constitution (ANEQ does not have a judicial board). Karen Takacs asked if it was realistic to think that this would have an effect on ANEQ and questioned what CUSA would lose by not attending. Peter Wheeland responded that given the lack of mobilization by ANEQ members, this could mean that quorum will not be achieved. He added that this will be a clear message because CUSA has never missed a meeting. Francois Desrosiers explained that the Congress will be discussing the mobilization that occurred over loans and bursaries (CUSA knows what it accomplished) as well as the plan of action for the upcoming year (no major changes are perceived). Peter Wheeland added that if CUSA withdraws from ANEQ, it would result in a loss of 23,000 members (one-quarter of ANEQ's present membership)--this would leave ANEQ with less members than RAEU, and without an anglophone institution.

VOTE ON MOTION 310:

UNANIMOUS

(10:45)

8. New Business:

c) Finance Committee:

Karen Takacs stated that members are needed to work on the Finance Committee. She explained that this is one of CUSA's most vital committees but that it requires the members to devote an incredible amount of time to it. It is very interesting work, and allows insight into the operations of the association and member clubs. Ideally there should be five people on this committee plus the Finance V.P., and it is best if these people represent different faculties. Volunteers are asked to contact Craig McNamee.

e) Safeway Chez-Vous:

Acting Chairperson Scott White gave the floor to John Ernst who explained that Safeway Chez-Vous is a non-profit operation serving the community by doing the driving for impaired drivers. This project was established by three Concordia students: Sami Guindi, David Wahba and John Ernst. Support for this project has been given by Brian Counihan, Dean of Students, Professor Graeme Decarie, and Yves Mechaka (Branch Manager of the Bank of Montreal, on the Board of Directors and Treasurer for Safeway (chez-Vous)). The Regie de l'Assurance Automobile de Quebec has given a grant to assist the project. The project will employ Concordia students to work as drivers as well as to run the Loyola office which will provide a special service for university events. Safeway Chez-Vous would like to have the formal support of CUSA. Karen Takacs stated that she would have a formal letter of support prepared for the next Board meeting.

MOTION 311:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT CUSA supports the Safeway Chez-Vous project.

Moved by: Dan Artola  
Seconded by: Emma Tibaldo

VOTE ON MOTION 311:

UNANIMOUS

(11:00)

d) Discussion on the Possible Tuition Increase:

Karen Takacs referred to the "academic excellence fee" (or "academic services fee") mentioned in the Co-Presidents' report.

MOTION 312:

WHEREAS the Vice-Rector, Finance and Institutional Relations has suggested to the Concordia Board of Governors that a new student fee, entitled the "Academic Excellence Fee" or the "Academic Services Fee", set at \$5 a credit or \$150 per year for full-time students, be implemented; and

WHEREAS there has been little preliminary discussion of the imposition of such a fee within the University community; and

WHEREAS such a fee is clearly a hidden tuition fee, amounting to fully one-third of the present tuition fee, affecting all Concordia students and which violates the spirit of the Quebec government's freeze on tuition fees; and

WHEREAS the Quebec government has agreed to convoke, in the near future, a parliamentary commission to study the future of university financing; and

WHEREAS unless the government officially recognizes the elimination of the tuition freeze, students on financial aid will not be compensated for rising tuition costs; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT CUSA condemn the University Administration's unfair, unconsultative, premature and discriminatory attempt to increase tuition fees without due consultation of the University community and without due consideration of effects on students of such an increase; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT CUSA representatives fight such proposal with any means at their disposal.

Moved by: Karen Takacs  
Seconded by: Jim Locke

Discussion:

Scott White announced that this motion would be presented in letter form to the University Senators at the Senate meeting tomorrow. Karen Takacs

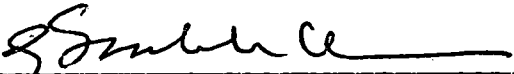
added that if the Senators and others in the University community are aware of this issue, it might not pass as easily at the Board of Governors meeting on May 15th. Karen Takacs stated that if this increase could be called "tuition" as opposed to "fee", then it could be claimed on income tax and student loans would be affected proportionately; however, because of the government freeze it has to be called a "fee" and, as such, students will not be compensated for it.

VOTE ON MOTION 312:

UNANIMOUS

9. Adjournment:

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

  
G. Scott White, Acting Chairperson

  
Jo Howard, Recording Secretary